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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Further to the Office Action dated March 28, 2005 ("Office Action"), Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

I. Disposition of the Claims

Claims 41-46, 49-51, 53-55, 57, and 58 are currently pending in the application. Claims 42, 44-46, 57, and 58 were withdrawn by the Examiner as being directed to non-elected species. See Office Action, p. 3. Claims 41, 43, 49-51, and 53-55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). When the elected species is found allowable, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continue to examine the full scope of claims 41-46, 49-51, 53-55, 57, and 58 to the extent necessary to determine the patentability of these pending claims, i.e., extending the search to a reasonable number